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**For Immediate Release...**

***Brent Schacter, MD***  
**is elected 2013-2014 Councilor of the**  
**International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories**

**Bethesda, MD – *Brent Schacter, MD*** has been elected to serve as Councilor of the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER) in 2013-2014. ISBER is governed through a nine-member Council, reflecting the entire membership with representation from government, academia, and private industry. Dr. Schacter has been elected to serve as Councilor of the Society for a three-year term of 2013-2016, and will take over the duties as ISBER Councilor at the ISBER 2013 Annual Meeting & Exhibits in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on May 8, 2013. **Dr. Schacter** is a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine of the University of Manitoba and member of the Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology at CancerCare Manitoba. He was CEO of the Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies (CAPCA) from 2003 until 2008. From 1993 to 2003, he was President and CEO of CancerCare Manitoba. He was a member and then Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC) from 1999 to 2002 and Co-Vice Chair of the Council for the CSCC from 2004 to 2006. He was a member of the Provisional Board of CPAC 2006 to 2007, Chair of the Standards Action Group of CSCC/CPAC from its inception until 2008. He was a member of the Health Human Resources Action Group of CPAC, chairing the HHRAG Service Delivery Models Project, and is currently on the CPAC External Review Panel. He is a Co-Chair of the Canadian Task Force on AYA Oncology. He is Principal Investigator on the Canadian Tumour Repository Network (CRTNet) Program Grant from CIHR-ICR since its inception in 2004.

**Dr. Schacter's** biobanking contribution is in sharing his expertise as a cancer specialist and researcher and as an administrator to help develop quality biobanking in Canada and beyond. As the CEO of a provincial cancer center (CancerCare Manitoba) and also CEO of the Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies (CAPCA), he has had the opportunity to catalyze a national group of biobankers in the formation and initiation of CTRNet to promote the impact of biobanking in advancing health. He was also a founding member of the Marble Arch Working Group on International Biobanking and remains active with that valuable forum, in addition to his active role as co-chair of the 2013 ISBER Annual Meeting & Exhibits and key team member of the ISBER Transition task force.

According to Dr. Schacter, "ISBER as a society is the focus for a rapidly evolving and very important, some would argue, essential, area of biomedical and environmental research. In a relatively new and evolving field, ISBER has an opportunity to play a continuing role in serving as a focus for sharing new information and knowledge about how to biobank better and with quality assured. ISBER is becoming a key society to help shape international science policy and positively influence ethical and moral issues around biobanking. ISBER's active involvement will ensure that the art and science of biobanking is not hindered by uninformed and unreasonable

restrictions and that biobanking can serve its major purpose in facilitating the growth of scientific knowledge.”

The **International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER)** creates opportunities for sharing ideas internationally and harmonizing approaches to evolving challenges in biobanking and repository operation. ISBER fosters collaborations, creates education and training opportunities, and provides an international showcase for state-of-the-art research findings and cutting edge technologies, products, and services. Together, these activities promote best practices that cut across the broad range of repositories that ISBER serves. ISBER is a division of the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP), a nonprofit educational organization. For more information visit the ISBER website at [www.isber.org](http://www.isber.org).